

1 Q. What type of work things did you talk about typically?
2 MR. HERRIN: Object to the form of the question.
3 A. What type of work things? It could be anything from a
4 request for additional investigators in CID. If he was
5 short-handed due to staffing problems, he might have those
6 concerns. It could be task force officer, you know, when
7 are we going to be able to have our FBI task force officer
8 going full-time, so it could be any number of things.
9 Q. Did you talk about individual cases typically?
10 A. I could ask for updates on cases that were of interest or
11 I thought that might come up in conversation with my boss.
12 Q. Your boss being the city manager?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. What type of cases when you say were of interest come to
15 mind?
16 A. Lots of times it would be serious cases like a homicide,
17 cases of that nature that the city manager might want to
18 know, you know, do we have a suspect or where are you all
19 at, are you close on making an arrest, that type of thing.
20 Q. Was Sean Williams one of those cases that you discussed
21 with the city manager?
22 A. I don't know if I discussed it with the city manager. I
23 don't recall having discussions with the city manager.
24 Q. What about Captain Peters?
25 A. Yes, we discussed Mr. Williams.

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1 A. Well, because perhaps it could be taken care of at a
2 different level than Sergeant Legault.

3 Q. Okay. Now, I see on this Exhibit 8, Bates 462, there are
4 check marks next to certain cases, [REDACTED] Tucker,
5 Pierce, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] I know our friend, Mr.
6 Herrin, went through those cases at some length with Ms.
7 Dahl yesterday. Do you know why Captain Peters put check
8 marks next to those cases? Well, let's -- before you
9 answer that question, I want to withdraw it. I assume, is
10 that Captain Peters who made the check marks next to those
11 cases?

12 A. Captain Peters was taking notes, so I assume that, yes, he
13 made the check marks.

14 Q. Okay. And do you know why he made those check marks?

15 A. Can I see the copy of the secret recording from May?

16 Q. Well, you can, but first I'm just asking you sitting here
17 today, do you know why or would you like to refresh from
18 the recording?

19 A. Yeah, I would like to refresh.

20 Q. Okay. You don't know offhand right now without
21 refreshing?

22 A. As memory serves me, that was the cases that she agreed
23 she would take to the June grand jury, but I would like to
24 look at the...

25 Q. Okay.

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1 course of action and they get overruled by a supervisor,
2 right?

3 A. I'm sure that happens.

4 Q. Sure. Do you know if all these cases were indicted
5 eventually? Again, without -- you know, you don't need to
6 refresh for that because you wouldn't know from the
7 meeting anyway, right? But do you know if those cases
8 were ultimately indicted?

9 MR. HERRIN: Did he have the knowledge prior to the lawsuit
10 being filed, otherwise privileged information.

11 Q. Before the lawsuit.

12 A. My recollection is that Captain Peters came back and said
13 that the cases weren't indicted in the grand jury.

14 Q. When?

15 A. In June.

16 Q. When in June?

17 A. I don't recall the date that he came to me with that.

18 Q. Was it before the decision not to renew the MOU?

19 A. It was in early June, I think, but I don't remember the
20 date.

21 Q. Did it have a role in the decision not to renew the MOU?

22 A. It had a role in my recommendation.

23 Q. Okay. We'll get to that in a minute. Did you have
24 further communications with Dahl about cases? Do you know
25 how many of these cases were not indicted as of early

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1 June?

2 A. I don't know if any of the ones with the check marks were
3 indicted.

4 Q. Okay. So when Captain Peters came to you in early June,
5 you don't know which cases these are referring to?

6 A. He was referring to the ones that she agreed to indict
7 that they weren't indicted.

8 Q. Okay. All of them?

9 A. To my knowledge, yes.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. That was the way I understood the communication.

12 Q. Did you have any further communications with Ms. Dahl
13 about those cases, why they were not indicted as of early
14 June?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. Did you, at the time, have any knowledge why they weren't
17 indicted other than the fact they weren't?

18 A. Just the fact that they weren't.

19 Q. We talked about this meeting in early June. I'm going to
20 refer you to, I believe, previously marked six, Bates 201.
21 This is an E-mail from Captain Peters to Kat Dahl on June
22 8th. Do you remember that E-mail from earlier yesterday
23 or today when Mr. Herrin asked Ms. Dahl about it?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Did you direct Captain Peters to send this E-mail?

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1 A. I don't remember the origin of the E-mail.
2 Q. You talked about a meeting in early June with Captain
3 Peters. Did that meeting -- do you know if that meeting
4 occurred before or after this E-mail was sent?
5 A. I don't know if it was before or after.
6 Q. Do you know if Captain Peters received a response from Ms.
7 Dahl to this E-mail?
8 A. I don't know if he received a response.
9 Q. Do you know the basis of Captain Peters' knowledge that
10 allegedly none of the check marked cases had been indicted
11 as of early June?
12 A. No, sir. He just told me that they weren't indicted.
13 Q. Did he state whether he had talked to Ms. Dahl about it?
14 A. I don't recall. I don't recall how he had that knowledge.
15 Q. All right. Let's go next to an E-mail to you dated June
16 23 from Joe Jaynes. Excuse me, it's not to you, it's
17 Captain Peters. Before this litigation, had you seen this
18 E-mail?
19 A. I don't know if I had seen it before the litigation, but I
20 know I've seen it as part of the litigation.
21 Q. This E-mail was dated June 23, correct?
22 A. Yes, sir.
23 Q. And your letter to Ms. Dahl not renewing her contract was
24 dated June 24th. Is that correct?
25 A. Yes, sir.

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1 Q. Okay. And then before that, there's no communication
2 until November 16, 2020 for one minute and 19 seconds,
3 right?
4 A. Yes, sir.
5 Q. And then, of course, November 16, 2020 is before the
6 December meeting that you had with Legault and Peters to
7 discuss concerns about Kat Dahl's communication and case
8 referrals, right?
9 A. Yes, sir.
10 Q. Okay. And then on November 12th, you get outgoing and
11 incoming calls in the afternoon between 1:08 and 2:21. Do
12 you see that?
13 A. Yes sir.
14 Q. And then November 11th, you get calls incoming and
15 outgoing in the span of about four and a half hours. Do
16 you see that?
17 A. Yes, sir, from 12:04 to 7:29.
18 Q. Yeah.
19 A. Well, I think that's 7:29 a.m., yes, sir, to 12:00 p.m.
20 Q. So do you see any evidence here in the phone records that
21 Officer Jaynes' calls to Ms. Dahl are going unanswered?
22 A. Not according to these phone records.
23 Q. Do you have any explanation for why Officer Jaynes might
24 make that allegation to Captain Peters?
25 A. Well, I don't know if the only way he communicated was

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1 continuing one, if I can. You have not qualified Chief
2 Turner as an expert in sexual assault investigations and
3 cases and how to build a case. You can try to do that if
4 you want, but you're asking him cases. They are more --
5 I'm objecting because you're asking him questions that are
6 more suited to an expert on these types of investigations.
7 I'm going to have a continuing objection on that or -- if
8 you're agreeable to a continuing objection.

9 Q. I am.

10 MR. HERRIN: Okay.

11 Q. During -- during the time you were chief, your department
12 investigated sexual assault crimes, right?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. And you were a policy maker for your department as to
15 training and supervision of officers who were making
16 sexual assault investigations.

17 MR. HERRIN: Object to the form of the question.

18 A. I didn't supervise officers that were making sexual
19 assault investigations. Captain Peters did.

20 Q. And you supervised Captain Peters.

21 A. He falls under my chain of command, yes, sir.

22 Q. Would you agree, all things being equal, that an officer
23 faced with a reluctant witness should try to build a case
24 through alternative means?

25 MR. HERRIN: You've got my continuing objection, right? Okay.

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1 Q. Yeah.

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Do you know what happened to her other -- before -- did

4 you know what happened to her before this litigation?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. Sitting here today, do you know what happened to her?

7 A. I know what is alleged to have happened.

8 Q. As the police chief, what would you have expected the

9 officers to have done with Ms. [REDACTED] when they met up

10 with her outside of Mr. Williams' apartment?

11 A. To start an investigation about what she was claiming.

12 Q. So specifically, what would you have expected the officers

13 to do as to Ms. [REDACTED] that evening?

14 A. As far as the investigation?

15 Q. Yes, sir.

16 A. I would expect them to take a statement from her, and if

17 she's claiming it was sexual assault to do the sexual

18 assault kit.

19 Q. Anything else?

20 A. As far as Ms. [REDACTED] is concerned?

21 Q. Yes, ma'am [sic]. Yes, sir.

22 A. I would expect a victim advocate to maybe work with her.

23 Q. Do you know if the officers took Ms. [REDACTED] to a medical

24 facility that evening?

25 MR. HERRIN: Prior to the lawsuit? Object to the form of the

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1 MR. HERRIN: 70, I think.

2 Q. Is it 70 or 69?

3 MR. HERRIN: 70.

4 COURT REPORTER: 70.

5 Q. Okay. Thank you. Someone's keeping track.

6 EXHIBIT #70: Johnson City Police Department memorandum from

7 Toma Sparks to Kevin Peters, dated 12/3/20, Bates Stamp

8 No. 0425.

9 Q. On Monday, your lawyers distributed an E-mail from Captain

10 Peters dated the next day, December 4th. It is not Bated.

11 Before the litigation, had you seen this E-mail chain

12 before?

13 A. No, sir, I don't remember seeing this E-mail.

14 Q. Okay. Were you aware on December 4th that a meeting had

15 been set up with TBI about Sean Williams?

16 A. No. I had talked to Wayne Taylor and he told me that Kat

17 had requested the TBI assist us in an investigation, so I

18 had a phone call with him. But as far as a meeting being

19 set up, I didn't have that on my calendar that I'm aware

20 of.

21 Q. Did you know who set up the meeting?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. Okay. Did you have concerns about the meeting occurring?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. Did you call Wayne Taylor about the meeting or did he call

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1 you?

2 A. I called Wayne Taylor.

3 Q. Okay. And what was the purpose of your calling him?

4 A. Captain Peters had told me that Ms. Dahl had contacted the

5 TBI about them assisting us in the investigation, and I

6 called Wayne with my concerns about that.

7 Q. What were your concerns?

8 A. The fact that she didn't tell us first so that we would be

9 able to coordinate investigative activities with the TBI.

10 Q. Do you think that Ms. Dahl's conduct was improper in

11 contacting TBI?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Okay. Why not?

14 A. She was just seeking someone else to help us, but we

15 should have had a heads up so that we could coordinate

16 with them.

17 Q. And what would the benefit be of that coordination?

18 A. So we didn't duplicate investigative efforts or something

19 that we might be doing would interfere with something that

20 they might be doing as far as an investigation.

21 Q. To your knowledge, before this meeting occurred, had TBI

22 made any investigative efforts?

23 A. Not to my knowledge.

24 Q. Did Wayne Taylor tell you anything that distinguished the

25 circumstances under which there was communication between

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1 A. Probably Willhoit.
2 Q. Okay. And who is he?
3 A. He's probably the -- my understanding is he's the agent in
4 charge, supervising agent.
5 Q. Where?
6 A. TBI.
7 Q. Okay. So a meeting was cancelled, but a meeting was going
8 ahead with TBI anyway?
9 A. I guess that perhaps Captain Peters wanted to meet with
10 him first.
11 Q. So, in other words, a meeting was going forward, but just
12 not with the U.S. Attorney's Office present.
13 A. I don't know who would be attending the meeting. I didn't
14 know about the meeting.
15 Q. And then it says here, myself and Chief Turner had a
16 conversation with Wayne Taylor expressing our concerns
17 late yesterday. Was this the phone call we were just
18 talking about?
19 A. Yes, sir.
20 Q. So Captain Peters was on the line as well?
21 A. He was in my office.
22 Q. Were you on speaker?
23 A. No, I think I was on my cell phone.
24 Q. Okay. Do you know why Captain Peters says myself and
25 Chief Turner had a conversation with Wayne Taylor?

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1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. Okay. So he didn't -- Captain Peters didn't speak with

3 Wayne Taylor to your knowledge?

4 A. I think it was on my cell phone.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. I also had my office phone there which would have had a

7 speaker phone on it, so...

8 Q. I want to move to mark this as 71. I guess I'm not

9 moving, I'm just marking.

10 EXHIBIT #71: E-mail from Kevin Peters to Will Saulsbury,

11 dated 12/4/20.

12 Q. Your office, pursuant to Tennessee law, makes annual

13 reports to TBI about crime statistics. Is that the case?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Okay. Do you know who at your office compiles that data?

16 A. It's through our records system, so John Hames would be

17 the sergeant that submits.

18 Q. Was that done under your supervision and authority?

19 A. He's the records manager, so he's the person responsible

20 for that.

21 Q. Is he in your chain of command?

22 A. Ultimately.

23 Q. Who does he report to directly?

24 A. The administrative major.

25 Q. Who is that?

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1 could refer them to a tip line and we don't do a written
2 report. They may ask us questions as far as daily
3 business where we don't report every contact we have with
4 a citizen.

5 Q. And just yesterday we looked at that tip, right, from
6 someone saying that she was assaulted by -- sexually by
7 Sean Williams.

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. There was no report there, right?

10 A. I'm not aware of a report being made.

11 Q. Did Mr. Daigle interview you in connection with his work
12 on the reviewing the cases?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. Do you have any bad feelings under the circumstances in
15 which you retired from Johnson City?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. Do you have any bad feelings towards the City of Johnson
18 City over the circumstances in which you retired from
19 Johnson City?

20 A. I don't understand what you're asking.

21 Q. Do you have any bad feelings towards the City?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. Okay. Do you have any bad feelings towards Ms. Dahl?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. Tell me about those.

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